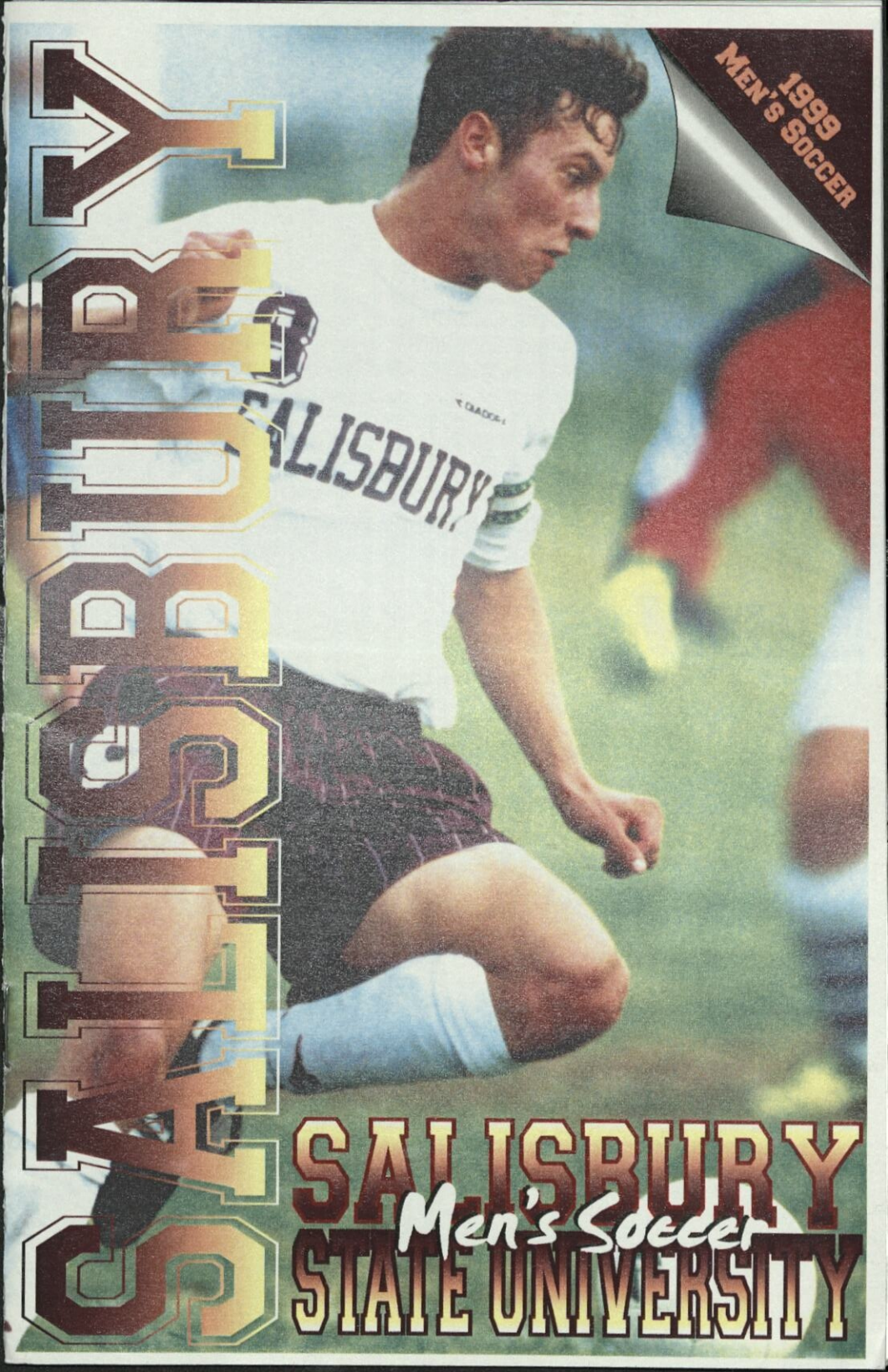
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SSU at a glance

The resources of a University ...
6,000 students from 36 states and 50 foreign countries
29 undergraduate and 8 graduate programs
200 full-time tenure-track faculty, 85 percent with terminal degrees, including National Endowment for the Humanities scholars and Fulbright professors.
NCAA Division III Athletics, 9 men's, 10 women's intercollegiate teams; 22 intramural sports

... with small-school opportunities.
Approachable faculty (17:1 student/faculty ratio)
Honors program with dedicated faculty at the Bellavance Honors Center. Ten residence complexes including traditional, co-ed, suite and apartment styles.

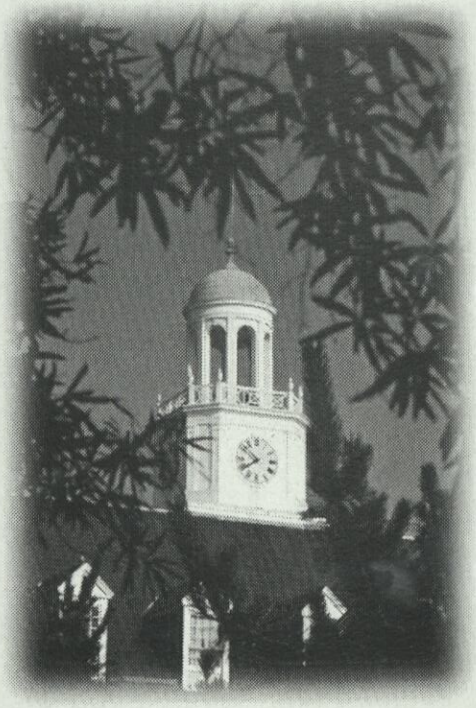
The security of state support ...
1999-00 tuition, room, board and fees: $9,746 per year for Maryland residents; $14,140 per year out-of-state.
A library with over 800,000 volumes, periodicals, microforms and databases including word processing and computer labs. Access to collections throughout the country.

... with the benefits of private funding.
Altogether, SSU awards nearly $1 million in academic scholarships each year. More than $24 million in private endowments supports some of those scholarships and provides for some of the finest educational programs.

In an ideal–and idyllic–location:
Salisbury, MD, is 30 miles west of the Atlantic Ocean and Ocean City, MD, and 20 miles east of the Chesapeake Bay; 2 hours from Baltimore, Washington, D.C. and Wilmington, DE. The campus is 2 1/2 hours from Norfolk, VA, and Philadelphia, PA, and 4 1/2 hours from New York.

Come see us–in person, or in cyberspace. We'd love to see your smiling face, but if you can't get here, check out our Web site.
We're at **http://www.ssu.edu.**

SSU's campus is in an attractive, residential neighborhood of stately homes on sculpted lawns, less than one-half mile from the banks of the Wicomico River. The campus includes 34 buildings on 125 landscaped acres. Students walk from one end of campus to the other in about 5 minutes.



Head Coach Dr. Gerry DiBartolo

Led by Head Coach **Gerry DiBartolo**, Salisbury State enjoyed its most successful season ever in 1999 by finishing 18-4-1 overall and advancing to the national quarterfinals of the NCAA Division III Championship Tournament. Along the way, the Sea Gulls established 12 new team and individual records, claimed their first Capital Athletic Conference Championship, won the NCAA South Region title, and received the highest national ranking (11th) in team history.

While the success of the 1999 season exceeded any previous one-year accomplishment, the achievements of the memorable season served simply as an exclamation point for a coach and program that have enjoyed unparalleled success throughout the 1990s.

The Sea Gulls have won 11 or more games each year since 1992. During that span, DiBartolo's teams have collected two conference championships, two postseason appearances and a regular season conference title. The Sea Gulls have also played in the Capital Athletic Conference's championship game for six straight years.

DiBartolo, the 1999 CAC Coach-of-the-Year as well as the NSCAA's South Region Coach-of-the-Year, completed his 18th season with a 178-124-24 career mark and ranks as the all-time winningest coach in the program's 63-year history. His squads have posted eight straight winning seasons and have broken the school-record for victories three times in this decade. The Sea Gulls have averaged 13 wins per season over the last eight years.

Coming off a superb 13-2-1 season in 1992, DiBartolo was named the NSCAA's South Atlantic Coach-of-the-Year. He followed with another strong campaign in 1993 as the Gulls posted 11 wins and earned their first postseason bid since 1985. Salisbury State finished as the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) South Region runnerup. In 1994, DiBartolo won his first CAC Coach-of-the-Year award as the Sea Gulls finished first in the conference regular season with a 6-0-1 mark and finished 12-3-3 overall.

Honors, awards and championships are nothing new for the well-respected Sea Gull mentor. DiBartolo was tabbed Maryland Small College Coach of the Year in 1983 and 1984 as the Gulls captured the Maryland State Championship both seasons. He also led Salisbury State to the Eastern States Athletic Conference (ESAC) championship in 1987 and 1992 and was recognized as the ESAC's Coach-of-the-Year in 1992.

A 1975 graduate of Frostburg State University, where he played for four seasons and captained the team as a senior, DiBartolo worked two years as the assistant coach there before moving to the Eastern Shore. He served as a Sea Gull assistant for three seasons before taking over as head coach in 1982. During his tenure, DiBartolo has served as chair of the ECAC's Division III South Tournament selection committee and is currently chair of the NSCAA's Men's Senior College Coach-of-the-Year committee.

In addition to his soccer duties, DiBartolo teaches and serves as associate dean in SSU's Franklin P. Perdue School of Business. DiBartolo earned his D.B.A. from George Washington University in 1995. He and his wife, Mary, have two children, Dominic and Anthony, and reside in Salisbury.

The 1999 Sea Gull Coaching Staff (left to right), Lance Burgess, Kevin Rhodes, Head Coach Gerry DiBartolo and Mike Giuffrida. All three assistants are former Sea Gull lettermen. Rhodes earned all-conference honors in 1998, while Giuffrida was a national all-American and former CAC Player of the Year. DiBartolo was the 1999 CAC Coach of the Year as well as the NSCAA/Adidas South Region Coach of the Year.

SSU Enjoys Memorable 1999 Season

Gulls Win CAC Title; Advance to NCAA Final 8

For the second straight year, Salisbury State completed its most successful season ever while breaking the team record for victories in a season for the third time since 1992. SSU captured its first Capital Athletic Conference Championship, won the NCAA's South Region Championship, and advanced to the national quarterfinals of the NCAA Tournament. Salisbury finished with an 18-4-1 overall record and also earned its highest national ranking (11th) ever.

SSU tied its longest-ever winning streak with eight straight victories during the regular season. The Gulls then avenged their only conference loss with a dramatic 1-0 triple-overtime win at Mary Washington in the conference championship game. Senior **Dave Johnson**'s unassisted goal in the 129th minute lifted Salisbury State to victory in that memorable game and provided the Sea Gulls with their first-ever NCAA Tournament berth. The Sea Gulls then posted wins over Washington (MO) and Greensboro the following weekend to capture the NCAA's South Region title. **Paul Kelly**'s goal with three minutes remaining sent the Washington game into overtime, with the Gulls eventually prevailing on penalty kicks. Two second half goals within a minute lifted Salisbury past Greensboro 2-0 in the regional final.

Salisbury State set 12 team and individual records in 1999, spearheaded by the stingiest defense in team history. With 16 shutouts and a goals against average of 0.42, the Gulls shattered their previous season records of 10 shutouts and 0.75 GAA. SSU's final 18-victory total, which included three wins against teams ranked in the national top 10, was three more than any previous season.

Individually, the Sea Gulls had no shortage of heroes. Johnson's championship-winning goal was just the fourth goal of the senior's career and just his second of the season. Johnson, along with seniors **Kyle Eberhardt** and **Pat Fridley**, and sophomore **Luke Dilworth**, formed the core of SSU's nationally-ranked defense.

Junior goalie **Mike Svehla** earned third team all-America honors and was the CAC's Player-of-the-Year in 1999 after posting a conference-best 0.44 goals against average. His 16 season shutouts and 33 career shutouts are both Salisbury records.

A balanced scoring attack featured four players with 20 or more points. Senior midfielder **Morten Zederkof** led the way with 10 goals, four assists and 24 points. Junior **Rusty Tritsch** (8g-7a-23p), sophomore **Kelly** (9g-5a-23p), and senior **Bob Thomas** (8g-5a-21p) were close behind. Junior midfielder **Steve Ritchie** (4g-4a-12p) was also one of the squad's key midfield performers.

Zederkof and Tritsch joined Svehla on the all-South Region team, while those three, along with Kelly, Eberhardt, Thomas and Dilworth, received all-conference honors.

"We had an exceptional season," said DiBartolo. "Our players were disappointed with the loss in the national quarterfinals, but as they look back and realize all that we accomplished this season, I'm sure they will feel very good about all of it."

The 1999 Sea Gull captains and seniors (left to right), front row: Kyle Eberhardt, Dave Johnson, Pat Fridley and Morten Zederkof. Back row: Bob Thomas, Mike Svehla, Jason Vaughn and Rusty Tritsch.

1999 Final Results

Overall Record: 18-4-1 **CAC Record: 6-1** **Home: 7-2** **Away: 11-2-1**

Date	Opponent	Result	Score	Record	Notes
Sept. 4	Frostburg State #	W	2-0	1-0	Zederkof, Kelly 2nd half goals
Sept. 11	Greensboro M	W	2-0	2-0	Greensboro ranked #2 in nation
Sept. 12	Methodist M	L	0-1	2-1	SSU 16-7 edge in shots
Sept. 18	Eastern Mennonite	W	3-0	3-1	Tritsch, Kelly, Ritchie goals
Sept. 22	Washington	W	3-1	4-1	Edwards, Thomas, Tritsch goals
Sept. 25	@Shenandoah	W	1-0	5-1	Edwards goal
Sept. 28	@Gallaudet *	W	13-0	6-1	SSU ties team record for goals
Oct. 2	@York *	W	2-0	7-1	Tritsch, Thomas goals
Oct. 6	@St. Mary's *	W	3-0	8-1	Fridley, Ritchie, Thomas goals
Oct. 9	@Johns Hopkins	W	3-1	9-1	JHU ranked #10 in nation
Oct. 13	Goucher *	W	2-0	10-1	SSU ties school record 8th straight win
Oct. 16	Mary Washington *	L	1-2	10-2	Zederkof goal, Tritsch assist
Oct. 19	Catholic *	W	2-0	11-2	Krauss, Iskow goals
Oct. 21	@Marymount *	W	3-0	12-2	Tritsch 2 goals; Svehla 10th shutout
Oct. 23	North Carolina Wesleyan	W	4-0	13-2	Kelly 2 goals; Tritsch, Krauss 1 goal
Oct. 27	Christopher Newport	L	1-2 ot	13-3	Game-winner in 105th minute
Oct. 30	@Washington & Lee	W	1-0	14-3	Iskow goal
Nov. 1	Goucher	W	6-0	15-3	CAC Tournament - Quarterfinal
Nov. 4	St. Mary's	W	3-0	16-3	CAC Tournament - Semifinal
Nov. 6	@Mary Washington	W	1-0 3ot	17-3	CAC Tournament - Championship
Nov. 13	Washington N	T (pk)	2-2	17-3-1	Salisbury advances on penalty kicks
Nov. 14	Greensboro N	W	2-0	18-3-1	Bowman, Edwards 2nd half goals
Nov. 20	@Wheaton (IL) N	L	0-1	18-4-1	NCAA Tournament national quarterfinal

* CAC Opponents N NCAA Tournament # Eastern Mennonite Invitational M Methodist Invitational

1999 Final Statistics

	1999 Season			Career		
Individual Scoring (Hometown)	**Goals**	**Assists**	**Points**	**Goals**	**Assists**	**Points**
Morten Zederkof (Denmark)	10	4	24	13	7	33
Paul Kelly (Bel Air, MD)	9	5	23	23	12	58
Rusty Tritsch (Hagerstown, MD)	8	7	23	16	13	45
Bob Thomas (Gambrills, MD)	8	5	21	14	7	35
Bernie Edwards (Millersville, MD)	5	4	14	5	4	14
Steven Ritchie (Williamsport, MD)	4	4	12	16	6	38
C.R. Krauss (Salisbury, MD)	4	2	10	4	2	10
Matt Bowman (Hagerstown, MD)	3	0	6	3	0	6
David Johnson (Westminster, MD)	2	2	6	5	5	15
Joe Iskow (Bowie, MD)	2	1	5	2	2	6
Derek Chappell (Forest Hill, MD)	1	2	4	4	4	12
Trevor Jenkins (Waldorf, MD)	1	2	4	1	3	5
Michael Steinen (Abingdon, MD)	1	2	4	1	2	4
Luke Dilworth (Hockessin, DE)	1	0	2	2	0	4
Pat Fridley (Crofton, MD)	1	0	2	1	1	3
Adam Young (Millersville, MD)	0	2	2	2	2	6
Kyle Eberhardt (Damascus, MD)	0	1	1	2	4	8
Marc Calabretta (Baltimore, MD)	0	1	1	0	1	1
Matt Hunter (Crofton, MD)	0	0	0	0	2	2
Mike Svehla (Baltimore, MD)	0	0	0	0	1	1
SSU TOTALS	60	45	165			
OPPONENTS	10	6	26			

Goalies	**G/GS**	**Saves**	**Goals**	**Pct.**	**ShO**	**Min**	**GAA**
Michael Svehla (Baltimore, MD)	23/23	102	10	.911	16	2026	0.44
Tom Paparounis (Parkton, MD)	6/0	7	0	1.000	4	110	0.00
Jason Vaughn (Timonium, MD)	2/0	1	0	1.000	1	14	0.00
Thomas Polizzi (Commack, NY)	1/0	0	0	.000	0	4	0.00
SSU TOTALS	23/23	110	10	.916	16	2154	0.42
OPPONENTS	23/23	172	60	.741	2	2154	2.50

1999 Sea Gull Roster

No	Name	Pos	Yr	Hometown	High School
1	Thomas Polizzi	G	Fr	Commack, NY	Commack
2	Derek Chappell	F	So	Forest Hill, MD	Fallston
3	Luke Dilworth	B	So	Hockessin, DE	St. Mark's
4	Matthew Bowman	F	Fr	Hagerstown, MD	Williamsport
5	Steven Ritchie	F/M	Jr	Williamsport, MD	Williamsport
7	Marc Calabretta	M	Fr	Baltimore, MD	Loch Raven
8	Rusty Tritsch	M	Jr	Hagerstown, MD	Williamsport
9	Morten Zederkof	M	Sr	Fredericia, Denmark	Sussex Central (DE)
10	David Johnson	B	Sr	Westminster, MD	Westminster
11	Michael Steinen	M	So	Abingdon, MD	Bel Air
12	Kyle Eberhardt	B	Sr	Damascus, MD	Damascus
13	Trevor Jenkins	B	So	Waldorf, MD	Westlake
14	Pat Fridley	B	Sr	Crofton, MD	Arundel
15	Bernard Edwards	M	Fr	Millersville, MD	Severna Park
16	Tim Kane	B	Fr	Salisbury, MD	James M. Bennett
17	C.R. Krauss	F	Fr	Bivalve, MD	James M. Bennett
18	Conner Rector	B	Fr	Ellicott City, MD	Loyola
19	Joe Iskow	M	So	Bowie, MD	Bowie
20	Bob Thomas	F	Sr	Gambrills, MD	Old Mill
21	Matt Hunter	B	So	Crofton, MD	Arundel
22	Brook Riggleman	M	Fr	Seaford, DE	Seaford
23	Paul Jennings	B	Fr	Beltsville, MD	Pallotti
24	Adam Young	M	So	Millersville, MD	Severna Park
25	Paul Kelly	F	So	Bel Air, MD	Fallston
30	Michael Svehla	G	Jr	Baltimore, MD	Calvert Hall
31	Tom Paparounis	G	So	Parkton, MD	Calvert Hall
0	Jason Vaughn	G	Sr	Timonium, MD	Dulaney

HEAD COACH: Dr. Gerry DiBartolo, 18th year
ASSISTANTS: Mike Giuffrida, Lance Burgess, Kevin Rhodes
CAPTAINS: Kyle Eberhardt, Michael Svehla, Rusty Tritsch

SSU's Decade of Success

With 103 wins over the past eight seasons, the Salisbury State University men's soccer program has clearly enjoyed its most successful period ever in its 63-year history. Each of the past eight seasons have yielded new records, milestones and accomplishments. Starting with the 1992 season, the Sea Gulls have continually built on their success. Up to that point, 1992 was the most successful season in SSU soccer history. In addition to setting a school-record with 13 victories, the Gulls won the Eastern States Athletic Conference championship, and also claimed the unofficial Maryland Division III title with a 4-0 record against in-state competition.

The DiBartoloYears

1982	4-12-0	
1983	8-7-3	Maryland State Champs
1984	10-6-3	Maryland State Champs
1985	10-7-1	ECAC South Runnersup
1986	6-11-2	
1987	7-8-2	ESAC Champions
1988	5-9-3	
1989	9-6-0	
1990	7-8-1	
1991	8-9-0	
1992	13-2-1	ESAC Champions
1993	11-7-1	ECAC South Runnersup
1994	12-3-3	CAC Runnersup
1995	11-7-0	CAC Runnersup
1996	12-6-2	CAC Runnersup
1997	12-8-0	CAC Runnersup
1998	15-4-1	CAC Runnersup
1999	18-4-1	CAC Champions
TOTAL	178-124-24	

In 1994, the Sea Gulls moved into a new conference, the Capital Athletic Conference, and promptly claimed the league's regular season title. SSU snapped Mary Washington's 30-match CAC winning streak, and posted a nine-game unbeaten streak while registering a 12-3-3 overall record. Along the way, the Gulls once again set a new team scoring record and tied the season record of 10 shutouts. Another unblemished record against in-state competition upped Salisbury's mark to 12-0 against Maryland rivals over a three-year span.

The Sea Gull program reached another milestone during the 1995 campaign as junior Matt Tirschman earned all-America honors, becoming just the second SSU player to ever be recognized on the national team. Tirschman, who scored 10 goals and added 11 assists during the '95 campaign, helped lead the Gulls to an 11-7 overall finish and a second consecutive runnersup trophy in the conference.

The Sea Gulls added 12 victories in 1996, and once again enjoyed streaks of success. Led by conference player-of-the-year Tirschman, the Gulls advanced to the conference championship game for the third consecutive year. SSU also continued its recent success against in-state competition with a 4-0-1 record against Maryland teams.

SSU completed another 12-victory campaign in 1997, with junior Mike Giuffrida filling the void as the team's designated record-setter. Giuffrida snapped a 25-year old record, the team's oldest individual mark—most points in a season—by finishing the year with 36 points. He guided the Gulls through a 6-1 conference season and another berth in the CAC Championship Game.

The 1998 season provided another assault on the recordbook during a 15-4-1 campaign. In addition to a school record for wins in a season, SSU set a new record for consecutive wins with an eight-game winning streak and tied the mark for longest unbeaten streak, 10. Individually, goalie Mike Svehla broke the career shutout record, while Giuffrida was named conference player of the year.

To cap the decade, the Sea Gulls enjoyed their most successful season ever in 1999, breaking the school-record for victories for the third time in the 1990s with an 18-4-1 final record. SSU made its first NCAA Tournament appearance a memorable one by advancing to the national quarterfinals. Along the way, SSU captured its first CAC and South Region Championship and broke 12 team and individual records. Svehla was named the CAC's Player of the Year and earned third team all-America honors, while seven Sea Gulls earned all-conference recognition.

Sea Gull Honor Roll

National All-Americans

1981 Sandor Fodor
1995 Matt Tirschman
1998 Mike Giuffrida
1999 Mike Svehla

Regional All-Americans

1980 Vane Wiggins
1981 Sandor Fodor
Mark Smith
Jeff Thompson
1984 Jim Cocchiaro
1985 Chris Chale
1986 David League
1987 Robert Novak
1990 David Kidd
Kevin Jackson
1991 Kevin Darcy
1992 Chris Hayes
Scott Talley
1994 Kirk Chesla
Keith Wehr
1995 Stephen Groves
Matt Tirschman
1996 Matt Tirschman
1997 Mike Giuffrida
1998 Mike Giuffrida
Paul Kelly
Darren LaRocque
1999 Mike Svehla
Rusty Tritsch
Morten Zederkof

All-Capital Athletic Conference

1994 Matt Tirschman(first team)
Ousman Auber (first team)
Keith Wehr (first team)
Kirk Chesla (first team)
1995 Matt Tirschman (first team)
Stephen Groves (first team)
Keith Chesla (first team)
Mike Giuffrida (second team)
Chris Schaefer (second team)
1996 Matt Tirschman (first team)
Keith Chesla (first team)
Kirk Chesla (first team)
Kyle Eberhardt (first team)
Mike Svehla (first team)
Bob Thomas (second team)
Morten Zederkof (second team)
Luke Dilworth (second team)
1997 Mike Giuffrida (first team)
Kyle Eberhardt (second team)
Andrew Rogers (second team)
Darren LaRocque (second team)
Lou Petrovia (second team)
1998 Mike Giuffrida (first team)
Paul Kelly (first team)
Darren LaRocque (first team)
Kevin Rhodes (second team)
1999 Paul Kelly (first team)
Rusty Tritsch (first team)
Kyle Eberhardt (first team)
Mike Svehla (first team)
Bob Thomas (second team)
Morten Zederkof (second team)
Luke Dilworth (second team)

Player-of-the-Year Awards

1981 Sandor Fodor (Maryland Division II-III)
1984 Eric Tewey (Maryland Division II-III)
1986 David League (Maryland Division II-III)
1987 Robert Novak (Eastern States Athletic Conf.)
1996 Matt Tirschman (Capital Athletic Conference)
1997 Darren LaRocque (CAC Rookie of the Year)
1998 Mike Giuffrida (Capital Athletic Conference)
1998 Paul Kelly (CAC Rookie of the Year)
1999 Mike Svehla (Capital Athletic Conference)

Why Soccer at SSU?

- **Consistent Top 10 NSCAA regional ranking**
  Ranked 11th in national poll in 1999; finished 20th in final ranking.
- **Competitive schedule**
  1999 schedule featured 13 of 23 opponents who were ranked nationally or regionally
- **Opportunity to compete in an excellent athletic conference**
  Six year conference record of 36-5-1
- **Outstanding Playing and Training Facilities**
  120 x 75 yard irrigated game field, separate practice site, permanent stadium seating, outstanding weight training facilities and athletic training staff
- **Established and experienced coaching staff**
- **Opportunity to play for an outstanding athletics program with a successful tradition**

Sea Gull Recordbook

Team Records, Season
Most Wins—18, 1999
Most Shutouts—16, 1999
Most Goals Scored—63, 1998
Most Consecutive Wins—8, 1998, 1999
Most Games Without a Loss—10, 1993, 1998
Best Goals Against Avg.—0.42, 1999

Individual Records, Season
Most Goals—17, Harry Winters, 1972
Most Assists—12, Robert Novak, 1987
Most Points—36, Mike Giuffrida, 1997
Most Saves—200, Brad Cordrey, 1975
Most Shutouts—16, Mike Svehla, 1999
Best Goals Against Average—0.44, Mike Svehla, 1999

Individual Records, Career
Most Goals—54, Harry Winters, 1971-74
Most Assists—30, Robert Novak, 1984-87
Most Points—113, Harry Winters, 1971-74
Most Saves—367, Brad Cordrey, 1974-75
Most Shutouts—33, Mike Svehla, 1997-99
Best Goals Against Average—0.71, Mike Svehla, 1997-99

Career Goals Scored

1) Harry Winters	1971-74	54
2) Mike Giuffrida	1995-98	37
3) Matt Tirschman	1993-96	35
4) Andy Hall	1966-69	30
5) Dale Pusey	1968-72	28
6) Bruce Hartley	1965-68	27
7) Bryan Watson	1985-89	25
8) Al Younger	1951-54	24
9) Wyatt Wallace	1964-67	24
10) Paul Kelly	1998-99	23
Tony D'Antonio	1984-87	23
12) Tony Redman	1968-70	22
Willie Morris	1992-95	22

Career Assists

1) Robert Novak	1984-87	30
2) Matt Tirschman	1993-96	27
3) Mike Giuffrida	1995-98	19
4) Mike Conners	1991-93	16
Willie Morris	1992-95	16
6) Pat Crawford	1995-96	15
7) Rusty Tritsch	1997-99	13
Henry Farrell	1981-84	13
9) Paul Kelly	1998-99	12
Andy Hall	1966-69	12
Behzad Rassolee	1978-80	12

Career Points

		Goals	Assists	Points
1) Harry Winters	1971-74	54	5	113
2) Matt Tirschman	1993-96	35	27	97
3) Mike Giuffrida	1995-98	37	19	93
4) Andy Hall	1966-69	30	12	72
5) Willie Morris	1992-95	22	16	60
6) Bruce Hartley	1965-68	27	5	59
7) Paul Kelly	1998-99	23	12	58
Dale Pusey	1968-72	28	2	58
9) Bryan Watson	1985-89	25	7	57
10) Tony D'Antonio	1984-87	23	6	52
Mike Conners	1991-93	18	16	52
12) Tony Redman	1968-70	22	7	51

Career Saves

1) Brad Cordrey	1974-75	367
2) Tim Ramia	1976-78	283
3) Dan Coleman	1981-85	268
4) Paul Zimmerman	1978-81	239
5) Mike Svehla	1997-99	212
6) Joe Herman	1991-94	205
7) Brian Polczynski	1991-92	182
8) Jim Lloyd	1977-78	163
9) John Engel	1994-96	154
10) Greg Maney	1989-90	149

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SSU's Athletics Philosophy

Salisbury State University, a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association's (NCAA) Division III, offers 19 intercollegiate sports for men and women. In addition to NCAA membership, SSU competes as a member of the Capital Athletic Conference (CAC) and the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC).

As a member of the NCAA's Division III, Salisbury State places the highest priority on the overall quality of the educational experience. In doing so, it seeks to strengthen the integration of objectives and programs in athletics with academic and developmental objectives, and to assure the integration of athletes with other students.

SSU places special importance on the impact of athletics on the participants, with emphasis on the internal constituency (students, alumni and special friends) rather than on the general public and its entertainment needs.

The SSU athletics program is further characterized by the following principles:

- Participants receive the same treatment as other students. They have no unique privileges in admission, academic advising, course selection, grading, living accommodations or financial aid. Similarly, athletes are not denied rights and opportunities that would be available to them as non-athletes.
- Sports for men and women are given equal emphasis and the desired quality of competition is similar in all sports.
- Students are supported in their efforts to reach high levels of performance by providing them with adequate facilities, competent coaching and appropriate competitive opportunities with students from similar institutions.
- SSU strives to make the student-athlete's participation in intercollegiate athletics an enriching experience, and holds genuine concern for each participant's welfare. The intercollegiate program's foremost goal at all times is to supplement and enrich the first priority of the University, which is academic accomplishment.

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